

We Pledge Sacred Resistance and Sanctuary **in the face of Imminent Deportations and Discrimination**

Adapted by CLUE from the Sanctuary Movement (Rev. Alison Harrington) for use in the context of Southern California

As people of faith and people of conscience, we pledge to resist the President-elect's policy proposals to harass and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against AMEMSA (Arab/Middle Eastern/Muslim/South Asian) communities. We will embody faithful resistance in the public square and open our congregations and communities to provide sanctuary for anyone targeted by state-sanctioned scapegoating, working as a matter of faith to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people.

Calling upon the ancient traditions of our faiths, which recognized houses of worship as a refuge for the runaway slave, the conscientious objector, and the Central American refugee fleeing the civil wars of the 1980s, Sanctuary is once again growing among communities of faith that are standing in solidarity with Central American immigrants, AMEMSA and other communities facing immoral and unjust deportation and discrimination policies.

We find ourselves entering a new phase of U.S. history wherein the politics of fear has stoked an atmosphere of racism and xenophobia across the country. The new Administration has pledged to criminalize, detain and deport undocumented people at new levels that will tear families and communities apart.

We pledge to take civil initiative out of our moral obligation to embody principles of human rights and dignity, and to oppose any harmful, unjust policies that undermine due process and injure communities within our neighborhoods.

By signing this pledge, we are dedicating ourselves to educate and activate our congregations, to amplify and respond to the voices of immigrant and AMEMSA leaders, and to speak out against the discrimination of all marginalized people. We are ready to open the doors of our sacred spaces and accompany those facing deportation and discrimination.

We support those willing to provide sanctuary not only in houses of worship, but also at schools, hospitals, college campuses, community centers and family homes. We will work with partner organizations to create sanctuary wherever it is needed.

- I'm a faith leader
- Yes, my congregation/community organization wants to join the Sanctuary Movement; please connect me to the national Sanctuary movement (for resources and action alerts etc).
- Yes, my congregation would be willing to offer sanctuary to immigrants, refugees or AMEMSA** feeling threatened, for short term or potentially long term stays.
- My congregation wants more info about helping with relocation efforts for those facing immediate deportation.
- My congregation wants training on prosecutorial discretion packets, to help immigrants prior to court cases.
- I pledge to support federal legislative reforms that will create a more just and humane immigration system, in line with the values of our faith communities.
- I wish to encourage others by writing an article for dissemination within my denomination/network
- Yes, count me in for acts of public witness and civil initiative to resist ICE raids and discriminatory actions targeting the AMEMSA community, including possibly risking arrest to prevent deportations

Congregation/Denomination/Organization: _____

Sign the Pledge:

I pledge Sacred Resistance and Sanctuary in the face of deportations and discrimination.

Name (Please Print): _____

Title/Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Zip Code: _____

Our Mission: As CLUE, we educate, organize, and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice. Building a Just and Sacred Society.